California Water Quality Monitoring Council



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NOTICE OF MEMBER VACANCY ON THE CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL ISSUED MAY 1, 2009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Water Quality Monitoring Council is seeking candidates to fill a vacant seat on the Monitoring Council representing Agriculture. This seat had been occupied by Parry Klassen of Modesto, Executive Director and Board Chairman of the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition. The process to fill this vacancy will remain open until the seat has been filled.

MONITORING COUNCIL BACKGROUND

In November 2007, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by the Secretaries of the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) and the California Natural Resources Agency to establish the California Water Quality Monitoring Council (Monitoring Council). The MOU was mandated by Senate Bill 1070 (Kehoe, 2006) and requires the boards, departments and offices within Cal/EPA and the Resources Agency to integrate and coordinate their water quality and related ecosystem monitoring, assessment, and reporting.

Monitoring Council members include representatives from Cal/EPA, the Resources Agency, the Department of Public Health, regulated publicly owned treatment works, regulated stormwater interests, agriculture, citizen monitoring groups, the public, the scientific community, and water supply interests. The Monitoring Council is also required by SB 1070 to consult with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, whose representatives attend all Monitoring Council meetings.

SB 1070 and the MOU require that the Monitoring Council develop specific recommendations to improve the coordination and cost-effectiveness of water quality and ecosystem monitoring and assessment, enhance the integration of monitoring data across departments and agencies, and increase public accessibility to monitoring data and assessment information. While the Monitoring Council may recommend new monitoring or management initiatives, it will build on existing effort to the greatest extent possible.

California Water Code Section 13181(b) requires that the Monitoring Council report to Cal/EPA and the Resources Agency "with regard to its recommendations for maximizing the efficiency and effectiveness of existing water quality data collection and dissemination, and for ensuring that collected data are maintained and available for use by decisionmakers and the public." Those initial recommendations were submitted on December 1, 2008.

The Monitoring Council currently meets every other month, alternating between Sacramento and Southern California locations. Meeting and other information is available on the internet at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/monitoring_council/.

MEMBER SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

New Monitoring Council Members are nominated by SB 1070 staff or Council Member(s) with input from represented stakeholder organizations. Potential new members are vetted with represented stakeholder organizations either by staff and/or by the outgoing Council Member. Selection of proposed new Members is made by the Monitoring Council Co-Chairs, who then provide the names to the Secretaries of Cal/EPA and the Natural Resources Agency for final approval.

The following are the criteria for nomination of persons to the Monitoring Council.

- 1. Be actively involved in an organization routinely doing water quality monitoring
- Council representation has a balance of geographic regions of the state (current Council Members are from Arcata, Capitola, Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley, Fremont, Fresno, and Sacramento)
- 3. Have the time available to commit to the Council duties
- 4. Have demonstrated ability to work successfully with diverse groups
- 5. Have expertise in the category nominated for (in this case, Agriculture)
- 6. Be respected by their constituencies
- 7. Be an effective communicator
- 8. Have in-depth experience in water quality monitoring in California
- 9. Be able to meet deadlines

Persons interested in applying to fill the current Monitoring Council vacancy are urged to provide their biographies, including qualifications that relate to each of the above criteria, to:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to Jon Marshack at (916) 341-5514 or jmarshack@waterboards.ca.gov.

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